The health of prisoners was good throughout the year, the number of deaths among prisoners being 3 as against 10 in the year previous.

There was no overcrowding in the jails and lock-ups except in the Mysore Jail where accommodation for civil prisoners is reported to be insufficient. The gross expenditure in all the lock-ups during the year amounted to Rs. 30,109-12-8 against Rs. 24,674-2-7 during the previous year. The excess is due to the greater average number of prisoners dieted.

It is reported that the jail buildings at Bangalore have become old and require frequent repairs. The Inspector-General of Prisons is requested to submit separate proposals for the construction of new buildings at some distance from the City.

Government note that weekly religious classes for imparting moral and religious instruction for convicts were regularly conducted in the two jails, and that lectures were delivered and Harikathas performed for the benefit of prisoners by public spirited philanthropic gentlemen.

Of the six non-official visitors of the Bangalore Central Jail, only three visited the Jail and one of them visited thrice while the other two paid but one visit. The two non-official visitors of the Mysore Jail visited the Jail only once during the year.

Government are pleased to note that the administration of the Department during the year under Dr. B. Mahomed Usmon, L. M. S., who was since retired was satisfactory.

R. RANGA RAO,
Offg. *Chief Secretary to Government.*

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Report on the working of the Joint Stock Companies.

READ—

Letter No. C. 114—29-30, dated the 23rd May 1929, from the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies in Mysore, submitting a brief report on the working of the Joint Stock Companies as well as the Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies during the year ending 31st March 1929.

ORDER NO. D. 344-5—J. S. 27-28-3, DATED 11TH JULY 1929.

Recorded.

The number of public and private companies registered during the year was seven, of which five were public companies. The total number of companies limited by shares on the rolls at the close of the year under review was 129 as against 126 at the close of the previous year. The number of companies limited by guarantee was 21, the same as last year.

The number of companies established outside Mysore and having places of business in the State was 49 as against 43 in the previous year.

Three companies are reported to have gone into voluntary liquidation during the year and one ordered to be compulsorily wound up. No company was struck off the Register but action is said to be taken to strike off the names of defunct companies from the rolls.

The number of institutions registered during the year, under the Societies Registration Regulation of 1904, was 13. One society was dissolved thus bringing the total number of such institutions working at the close of the year to 174 as against 162 in the previous year.

No prosecutions for failure to comply with the provisions of the Companies Regulation, were sanctioned by Government against any of the companies, during the year under review. The prosecution sanctioned against one company during the year 1927-28 was withdrawn as the company went into liquidation. No auditor or inspector was appointed by Government to investigate the affairs of any of the companies.

The total authorised, subscribed and paid up capitals, of all the Joint Stock Companies at the end of the year under review were Rs. 9,30,15,100, 2,13,90,017½ and Rs. 1,50,65,153½ respectively. The aggregate increases in the authorised, subscribed and paid up capitals amounted to Rs. 4 lakhs, Rs. 2·80 lakhs and Rs. 2·74 lakhs respectively. The total reductions in the authorised, subscribed and paid up capitals amounted to Rs. 38·80 lakhs, 13·35 lakhs and 12·35 lakhs respectively.

The number of persons holding Auditors' Certificates at the end of the year was 33, of whom 10 held permanent certificates and the remainder temporary certificates.

Four hundred and thirty-eight documents were received in the Registrar's Office for being registered, recorded or filed as against 499 in the previous year.

There has been an improvement in the receipts of the Office of the Registrar, from Rs. 2,157-1-6 in the previous year to Rs. 2,952-1-0 during the year under review. The total charges of establishment, etc., were Rs. 2,935-0-0.

There is an improvement in the inspection of the registered offices of companies by the Registrar, the number inspected being 14 as against 2 in the previous year.

Government note that the issue of a Manual under the Companies' Regulation embodying details of the legal provisions to be observed by the Companies and the submission of proposals for the amendment of the Companies' Regulation are receiving the attention of the Registrar.

The question of introducing a Regulation providing for the regulation of Life Assurance Companies in the State, is under the consideration of Government.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

LAW SECRETARIAT.

Examination and certification of Motor Vehicles.

READ—

Government Order No. P. 1703-12—Legis. 15-28-3, dated 18th September 1928, fixing the fee for each examination and certification of motor vehicles plying for hire at Rs. 1-8-0 for a motor car and Rs. 3-0-0 for a motor bus.

ORDER NO. P. 330-9—LEGIS. 15-28-5, DATED 15TH JULY 1929.

In modification of their order read above, Government direct that the fee be fixed at Rs. 2-8-0 and Rs. 5 respectively according as the vehicle to be examined is a car or a bus.

P. MAHADEVAYYA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.